



# Olathe Kansas Stake

## Doctrinal Foundations, Principles and Practices Of Successful Priesthood Quorums (Groups)\*

### Doctrinal Foundations

**Moses 1:39**—“For behold, this is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.”

**AoF # 3**—“...through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved by **obedience to the laws and the ordinances of the gospel**

**Saving Ordinances**—Baptism, Confirmation, Sacrament, Melchizedek Priesthood, Temple Endowment and Temple Sealing

**Work of Salvation**—to assist nonmembers, members and our ancestors **receive the saving ordinances and keep their associated covenants**

**Our Priesthood Calling** —to be an **ordinance driven** member missionary, hometeacher, and family history/temple worker

In short we are  
**“Shepherds to the Temple”**  
to all of God’s children

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### Principles and Practices of Successful Priesthood Quorums

1. **Weekly Presidency Meeting** with agenda championing **1) the definition of a quorum**: first a brotherhood; second, a service unit; and third, a class and **2) the work of salvation**—to assist nonmembers (member missionary work), members (hometeaching), and our ancestors (family history and temple work) receive the saving ordinances and keep the associated covenants.
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Quorum Business Meeting** used for three month calendar review and input, activity feedback, assignments, service projects, quorum member recognition, HT performance/challenges/goals/championing, special presentations or activities etc. Use it to lead and meet the needs and interests of the quorum members.
3. **Quarterly PPI** with each hometeaching companionship. Use ordinance based reporting and planning. May hold during team-ups.
4. **Each Presidency Member (including the secretary) Is Assigned a HT District** and is expected to assume the training, supervision, performance and reporting of their district. Their goal is 100% hometeaching in their district every month.
5. **Semi-annual District Leader Team-up** with each assigned HT companionship. Praise, teach, demonstrate and invite improvement.
6. **Yearly Full Presidency Home Visits** to each quorum member once per year. Learn their needs then make plans to meet those needs.
7. **Rolling 3-Month Calendar** that includes major quorum, stake and ward events, with all such events supported actively as “Quorum Service or Brotherhood Events”.
8. **Every Quorum Member Has a Ward Calling or a Quorum Responsibility**—status of each quorum member reviewed monthly. Coordinate and pre-approve with the bishop prior to making quorum assignment.
9. **Every Available Quorum Member Assigned as a HT** with a companion.
10. **Every Ward Member Assigned HT’s**—**Step 1**—in PEC, assign each ward member to either the EQ or HPG. **Step 2**—in presidency meeting, categorize your assigned members as either 1) active, 2) difficult to teach less active or 3) unknown location. **Step 3**—assign all active members to HT’s. **Step 4**—assign all difficult to hometeach less active and unknown location members to the presidency’s or bishopric’s hometeaching lists. **Step 5**—the ward leadership including the presidency, bishopric and assigned high councilor work together to seek out the members in step 4, determine what they want their relationship with the church to be and then assign HT’s based on that conversation. **Step 6**—the leader in step 5 takes the new home teachers and introduces them to the family.
11. **Set Up Recurring HT Appointments Near the Beginning of Each Month**—for example, the first Sunday of each month at 5pm.
12. **Use the Third Sunday Rule**—Train HT’s to return and report the status of their HT by the third Sunday of the month. Call them if they don’t call you. Be prepared to assist struggling HT’s complete their hometeaching for the current month and develop a plan to finish their hometeaching early in the month going forward. Be prepared to go with them if needed.

\*The terms “Presidency” and “Quorum” also denote “High Priest Group Leadership” and “High Priest Group”